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M. J. Rossant, *Director*

September 18, 1972

Chief Justice Roger Traynor
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Dear Justice Traynor:

We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday morning here at the Fund. I have asked Benno Schmidt to be present at the meeting on Friday, and I have also asked Edward Diamond, who is an experienced journalist now teaching at MIT and serving as a critic of the press, to be on tap in the event that you may want some additional expertise. Of course, the Fund itself can help in this area, but I want to assure that you have all the available assistance you may feel you need.

I plan to leave open Saturday morning to discuss arrangements for the working committee, which I hope will be able to deal with all of the issues and, in effect, provide a charter for the council, outlining the procedures and setting the guidelines for its operation. I also hope that Mrs. Traynor and you will be my guest at lunch on Saturday.

Sincerely,

M. J. Rossant

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September 28, 1972

Mr. M. J. Rossant
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Dear Murray:

First off, let me take this prosaic occasion to say how much we enjoyed the nonprosaic flight to Brooklyn after the meetings were over. For anyone from earthquake territory it was quite a flight across terra firma.

I look forward to receiving the rough draft of the charter of the Council that your staff is putting together. I am hopeful that you will be able to enlist the help of Professor Balk and Benno Schmidt as well as any others you may think of who may be able and willing to get the project off to a good start. Even though a take-off is not usually so ridden with risk as a landing, safe passage at the outset gives reassurance for the rest of the journey.

Meanwhile, as I review materials here in the focus of last week's meetings, I will be envisaging a charter that takes account of the questions we discussed Saturday and also the questions Fred Friendly has raised.

I am enclosing the completed form for my travel expenses together with the airplane vouchers. You will note that the statement reflects the change we made on this journey from first-class to coach. Since the Fund is paying the hotel bill directly, I will count on you to make whatever entries on the form you may deem necessary in that regard.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Roger J. Traynor

Encl.